

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PHNOM 02847 270846Z

12

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03

SS-20 USIA-15 SAM-01 SR-02 ORM-03 AID-20 IO-14 DRC-01

NIC-01 /159 W

----- 050430

R 260920Z FEB 74

FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5137

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

CINCPAC

COMUSSAG

C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 2847

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, PINT, CB

SUBJECT: RECENT DEFECTIONS TO GRUNK/FUNK

REF: (A) FBIS OKINAWA 190225Z FEB 74

(B) FBIS OKINAWA 211348Z FEB 74

(C) FBIS OKINAWA 220948Z FEB 74

(D) FBIS BANGKOK 220619Z FEB 74

1. WITHIN LAST TEN DAYS, GRUNK "MISSION" IN PARIS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FOUR INDIVIDUALS HAVE BROKEN WITH THE GKR TO JOIN GRUNK/FUNK (REF A-C). THE NUMBER OF THESE DEFECT- TIONS OVER SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH CRE- ACTION OF A FUNK "COMMITTEE OF REFUGEES" IN PARIS (REF D) MAY PRESAGE A NEW CAMPAIGN BY OTHER SIDE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS ALLEGEDLY GROWING POPULARITY AND INFLUENCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE DEFECTORS (KHEK SYSODA, THE FORMER DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF SONEXIM WHO WENT TO FRANCE IN MID-1973) ACTUALLY SWITCHED OVER SOME MONTHS AGO, WHICH MAY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PHNOM 02847 270846Z

MEAN THAT GRUNK HAS BEEN WAITING FOR WHAT IT DEEMED A

PROFITIOUS MOMENT TO BEGIN A CAMPAIGN OF THIS KIND.

2. THE DEFECTORS, IN ADDITION TO KHEK SYSODA ARE: ING KIETH, FORMER MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS WHO HAS BEEN IN FRANCE SINCE LATE 1973; CHHIM KHET, FORMER DEPUTY AND UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE WHO HAS BEEN IN FRANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1971; AND SEANG HAC, FORMER COMMERCIAL MANAGER OF TELAKHMER WHO HAS BEEN IN FRANCE SINCE OCTOBER, 1973.

3. SEANG HAC'S DECISION TO JOIN FORCES WITH GRUNK/FUNK CAN BE TRACED IN LARGE PART TO HIS BEING THE SON-IN-LAW OF SARIN CHHAK, GRUNK FOREIGN MINISTER, AND FAMILY REASONS PROBABLY ACCOUNT FOR KHEK SYSODA'S DECISION AS WELL. HE IS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF KHEK VANDY, IS NOT CONSIDERED PARTICULARLY LEFTIST, BUT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM VANDY TO SWITCH OVER. THE MOST SURPRISING DEFECTION IS THAT OF ING KIETH WITH WHOM EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT IN THE PAST.

4. AVAILABLE BIO INFORMATION THESE PERSONS BEING POUCHED DEPT (EA/LC) AND EMBASSY PARIS. IT IS SOMEWHAT SCANTY AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING DEPT OR PARIS COULD ADD.
ENDERS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REFUGEES, GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, DEFECTORS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 FEB 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: rowelle0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974PHNOM02847
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: PHNOM PENH
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974029/aaaahtj.tel
Line Count: 86
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: (A) FBIS OKINAWA 190225Z FEB 74
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: rowelle0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25 APR 2002 by elyme>; APPROVED <02-Oct-2002 by rowelle0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RECENT DEFECTIONS TO GRUNK/FUNK
TAGS: PINR, PINT, CB, FR, GRUNK, (KHEK SYSODA), (SEANG HAC), (ING KIETH), (CHHIM KHET)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005